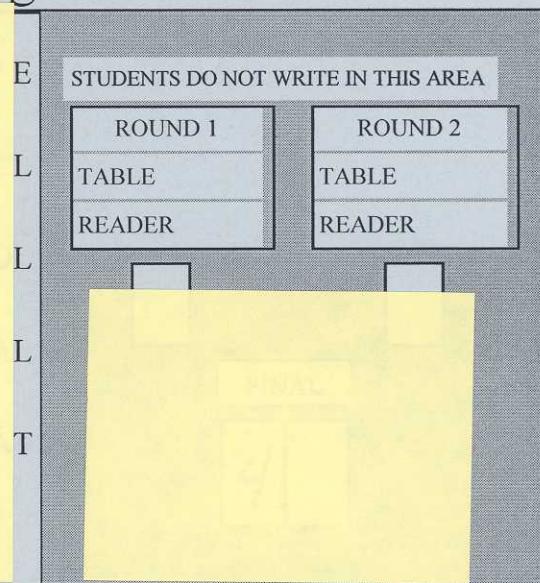


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as you come skipping through the meadows with your best friends, Bear & Buck, you guys see the coolest thing in the world. as you run towards it, the screen goes black, a commercial for your favorite toy comes on, and you have already forgotten about the coolest thing in the world. This is the essence of your favorite TV show when you were four. Now you are twelve and will watch nothing short of bloody battles and secret super missions. This is the difference between then, and now.

The first major difference is the characters, and how they are portrayed. The shows you watched when you were a little kid had easy cartoon characters, with easy cartoon names; like Bear & Buck. The shows you watch now, as 'pre-teens', have more intricate characters, with more complex personalities, more unique names, and a heck of a lot better graphics.

Which leads us onto plot variation. The plots of 'little kid' cartoons tend to be simple, and stop with every commercial break. There were typically two or more separate stories to every half-hour show, now your shows may not even end with that episode.

Most shows build off of the plot from last week and also include multiple subplots. This kind of makes them MPP-cartoon-soap-operas for kids. Violence. It definitely increases with the age of the projected audience. The worst thing that would happen in our 'Bear & Duck' scenario is that they might step on a worm in our 'big-kid' show there is likely to be at least one death every episode. If not one of the main or supporting characters, the five of the 'filler' characters will go. I mean, I'm not saying there is anything wrong with death, just that the creators of these shows may get a little carried away sometimes. To put it all in a nutshell, as you get grown up older, so has your ability to comprehend & understand more complex things & ideas. When you were little, you liked that Duck helped the little worm he accidentally stepped on. Now you think Duck should have capped the little dude. People change as they grow older; so their ~~set~~ tastes and interests do too. That's why cartoons contrast so much depending on the age group watching them.

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